

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 18, without prejudice.

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A topical composition for the treatment of acne, comprising an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* and, optionally, at least one inactive ingredient, wherein the active ingredient comprises ~~is selected from the group consisting of green tea extract, grape seed extract, cranberry extract, and mixtures thereof.~~

2. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is substantially free of skin-irritating materials.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the inactive ingredient comprises a carrier, selected from the group consisting of water soluble carriers, petroleum derived carriers, fatty acid derived or modified carriers, surfactants, thickening agents, carbomers, polyacrylates, and silicas.

5. - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method of treating acne, comprising obtaining a topical composition comprising an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* and, optionally, at least one inactive ingredient, and topically applying the composition to skin of a patient in need of treatment for acne, wherein the active ingredient comprises ~~is selected from the group consisting of green tea extract, comprises grape seed extract, cranberry extract, and mixtures thereof.~~

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the inactive ingredient comprises a carrier, selected from the group consisting of water soluble carriers, petroleum derived carriers, fatty acid derived or modified carriers, surfactants, thickening agents, carbomers, polyacrylates, and silicas.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The method according to claim 8, further comprising applying the composition from 1 to about 3 times a day.

13. - 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for treating acne, comprising applying an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* to skin, wherein the active ingredient comprises ~~is selected from the group consisting of green tea extract, comprises grape seed extract, cranberry extract, and mixtures thereof.~~

16. - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The method according to claim 15, further comprising applying the composition from 1 to about 3 times a day.